

TOWN OF WALLACE
Continued meeting
January 22, 2020
6:00 p.m.

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in the Council Chambers.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Mayor Charles C. Farrior, Jr.
Council Member/ Mayor Pro-Tem Wannetta Carlton
Council Member Frank Brinkley
Council Member Jeffrey Carter
Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz
Council Member Jason Wells

The following Governing Body members were absent:
NONE

Also present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Anna Heath, Town Attorney
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Woody Hatcher
Chuck Farrior, Fire Chief	Cindy Hatcher
Rod Fritz, Planning Director	Joseph Merritt
Wade Farrior, Atlantic Emergency Solutions	Curt Simpson, Simpson Real Estate
	Abby Cavanaugh, <i>Duplin Times</i>

Mayor Charley Farrior reconvened the meeting with a quorum of the governing body members present. Two items were added to the proposed agenda; Woody and Cindy Hatcher to inform the Council on the development of some property they purchased and the establishment of Public Hearings for amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Hatcher Builders

Mr. Woody Hatcher, Hatcher Builders, LLC, said that they purchased property on the corner of Carter Street and Old Wilmington Road and plan to develop eight (8) single family homes on a cul-de-sac. Mr. Hatcher added that the road would be turned over to the Town as a public street and asked the Council to consider how the Town may help this property get developed. Mayor Farrior said that the Council would discuss the matter and let him know.

Fire Department Apparatus Discussion

Fire Chief Chuck Farrior explained to the Council that the department plans to move Unit #259 a 1987 pumper tanker to reserve status after thirty-three years of service and salvage Squad 8 a 1997 Freightliner that no longer meets the departments needs. Chief Farrior said these vehicles would be replaced with a Pierce 2021 Kenworth DX tanker and a Pierce 2021 Enforcer non walk in rescue. The purchase price for both units is \$1,082,698 with a prepay discount available if the vehicles are paid in full within fifteen (15) days from the issuance of a Purchase Order (PO). However, there is a price increase on February 1. Manager Bergman said that he and Finance Director Shameshia Fennell had a meeting with USDA on Monday to discuss funding options. Town Council directed the financing be worked out as quickly as possible.

Council Member Frank Brinkley made a motion to mover forward with the purchase of one (1) Pierce 2021 Enforcer non walk in rescue and one (1) Pierce 2021 Kenworth DX tanker. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jason Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

Madison Grove Apartments Entrance Request

Planning Director Rod Fritz said that the project manager has asked for an unused Wallace parcel of property owned by the Town for access to the project site. The developer is prohibited from adding to the total acreage of the project so they cannot purchase the property. This right-of-way would make for safer access and would allow the water supply to be "looped" for better pressure, all improvements would be designed and constructed at the developer's expense and transferred to the Town upon completion. The Council discussed specific standards. Town Attorney Anna Heath asked that the developer draft an agreement for her review.

Council Member Wells made a motion to move forward with an agreement that the street will be constructed to NCDOT road construction standards, curb and gutter, street lights and a pedestrian crossing. Council Member Brinkley seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Historic Property Preservation Program

Town Manager Larry Bergman discussed the programs and funding opportunities he has researched for historic property preservation. Manager Bergman said that there is State funding available for areas affected by Hurricanes Florence and Dorian and a grant that pays for code enforcement, a revolving loan fund could be created as well as opportunity zones. He also provided a list of links to websites related to downtown building preservation. The Council directed the Manager to draft a Program before a meeting with property owners is scheduled so they would have something specific to present, not just ideas.

Wallace ABC Board Request

Manager Bergman said that he and Mayor Farrior attended the last meeting of the Wallace ABC Board and only two (2) of the three (3) appointed members have been attending since

last March. The State ABC Commission has advised that an active third member should be appointed. Diane McNamara volunteered to be the Chair for one (1) year. The appointed Chair has not resigned. The ABC Board will request a resignation and then Council will then appoint another member.

Council Member Wannetta Carlton made a motion to appoint Diane McNamara as Chair for a one-year term to end December 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Establish Public Hearings for February 13, 2020 meeting

Council Member Wells made a motion to establish public hearings on Thursday, February 13, 2020 after 7:00 pm for amendments to the UDO including a building height text amendment, the density calculation for multi-family development and a clarification of bars and nightclubs as a permitted use. Council Member Brinkley seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Other Business

Attorney Heath said that the title work on the Yates property was done and she is drafting the complaint. Ms. Heath added that she cannot represent Wallace PD in a criminal case, she just wanted to make that clear.

There being no further business to discuss. Council Member Wells made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, CMC
Town Clerk